

FIRE IN ART SCHOOL IS A COLD PROPOSITION, BRAVE LADDIES LEARN

Firemen and Handsome Young
Cops Were Frozen Stiff by
Twenty Demure Maidens.

Twenty fair young women with blue checked blouses over their summer frocks sat at a sketching table in the studio of the Thomas Art School, on the top floor at No. 361 West Twenty-third street, at 11 o'clock today.

Policeman Dixon, followed by two other bluecoats, burst in upon them. "Where's the fire?" asked the policeman loudly.

Twenty young women raised their eyes from their sketching pads and regarded him with calm curiosity. "Not here," said the instructor severely.

The three policemen, all of whom were young and good looking, took off their caps, blushed, said "Excuse us, ladies," and hurried out.

The street outside filled with smoke, sirens shrieking and hoofs clattering, rolled into action, followed by a yelling mob. The big chimney of the Conrad restaurant on the ground floor was burning and throwing out smoke and greasy flames like a volcano.

Battalion Chief Kane, yellow-stickered and white-helmeted, and several other firemen, tramped up the stairs, dragging a line of hose behind them. They found themselves in the midst of twenty young women, bending over their sketching pads, who looked at them with some brevity and went on working.

"There is no fire here," said the instructor coldly. "Please do not disturb the class."

The fireman behind the Chief looked about at the twenty fresh faces bent over the sketching pads. Not one head was raised. The fireman stood first on one foot and then on the other. Many of them were young, too, and several were blondes. One or two made as though to take off their helmets. Just then a shadow flashed in and a cloud of smoke filled the place.

"Young ladies," said the instructor, "we will continue on the floor below in the gym."

Twenty young women rose, gathered their pencils and pads to their breasts and hurried down the stairs. The fireman went out of the window and up to the roof by the fire escape and watched

the fire in the chimney. Then they marched slowly, very slowly down the stairs through the office, coughing slightly as though the smoke had tried them terribly. But in spite of backward glances, all they saw were twenty fluffy heads, bent over twenty sketching pads, and a clear-eyed instructor lady, who looked through and through them and into the wall beyond.

"That's no art school," said the chief's driver, as he tucked the chief's boots and helmet away in his boss's red automobile. "That's an ice-house."

The chief had fallen overboard when a man jumped in the river to save it. He, too, was drowning when "Bill" Campbell dived and after a hard struggle saved both. Campbell was confined to the hospital for fifteen days after the rescue. The river was filled with floating ice at the time. Campbell was but a few days out of the hospital when he saved a mother and child.

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